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1. (Fnu) Nikitin, who frequently alleged that he was the Russian liaison officer to the East German Academy of Sciences, left the Russian Zone in September 1952. Shortly before his departure he visited several scientists working in various Academy institutes to say that he was on the verge of leaving for Moscow. He stated that he was going on leave but also expressed doubts that he would return to Germany.
2. During the farewell visits Nikitin requested the heads of the institutes to give him reports (Abschlussberichte) on the research projects done at their establishments. Some of the chiefs did not immediately comply with this request since they wanted to ask the Academy of Sciences if the reports should in fact be turned over.
3. Dr. Alfons Maikowski, Administrative Director of the Academy, authorized those in doubt to transmit whatever reports on research they had on hand. Maikowski informed the scientists that Nikitin had asked in August 1952 that complete reports on research projects in all Academy institutes be turned over to him. The Academy had not complied, pointing out that compilation of such reports was impossible during the vacation period. The reports could only be furnished after a two-month period. Maikowski stated that Nikitin's September attempt was probably the outcome of his earlier, unsuccessful request.

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